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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Kearse News.

Kearse, June 7.—The Timrod Literary Society entertained the public last Friday evening. Only a part of the program was carried out, as one of the members was absent on account of sickness. The program as carried out was as follows:

Song—Messrs. B. V. Kearse and W. H. Ritter; Misses Ethel, Ettie, Mildred Kearse, Pearl Breland, Evelyn Brabham.

Recitation—Miss Mildred Kearse.

Recitation—Miss Cressida Breland.

Recitation—Miss Evelyn Brabham.

Debate—Resolved, That South Carolina should have prohibition. Affirmative: Miss Eloise Brabham, Mr. W. H. Ritter; negative: Miss Ettie Kearse, Mr. B. V. Kearse. The decision was in favor of affirmative.

Miss Vena Breland has been quite sick, but glad she is improving.

Rev. Mr. J. W. Atrial, of Ehrhardt, will preach at White Point school house Friday evening, June 11, at half past eight o'clock.

Several of our young folks attended the Olar high school commencement exercises last week.

Misses Cressida Breland, Evelyn Brabham, and Nattie Kearse visited Ulmer last week.

Mr. A. W. Brabham reported cotton squares several days ago, also Messrs. Stacy Kearse and R. C. Bassett.

Notes from Allendale.

Allendale, June 5.—"Bud" Jenkins, a "drifting" negro from Colleton county, was in Mr. P. J. Zeigler's employment for the past six or eight months, and last Wednesday night "Bud" and Sanders Young, another "drifter" from Clarendon county, but very well thought of by Mr. Zeigler, and who has been in his employment about five years, had a wordy duel, Sanders requesting "Bud" to wait until he could step to his house and get something with which to put the finishing touches to the argument. "Bud" became so "angrified" that he "withdrew," but Sandy heard of his'n. Thursday morning he, Sandy, was working in his garden when some one "entertained" him with a load of No. 8 shot, which caused him to cross the Congo about one p. m. thereafter.

Capt. "Jack" Morris and Fanning, the captain of the Barnwell county chaingang, were phoned for. They boarded the train at Whaley with "Ketch" and "Hold Fast," two bloodhounds. They unloaded here at Allendale, went out to Smyrna, Mr. Zeigler's place, and took the trail; easy running from there to Barton, but "Bud" had his shooting iron along, so the boys kept the dogs back, and there was some fun of shooting until "Bud's" head was glanced, after which he flung his gun aside and took to the timber in earnest.

That was all the boys wanted. "Bud" slept in Barnwell county's boarding house last night. Sandy will be interred to-day.

Incidentally, let us reason together. Bamberg had a legal hanging some time ago. What good did that do? Who was taught a lesson? Who will profit by it?

Two of the first four fought in the field—one was killed—if hanging is right that was the time to have taught us the lesson, but no, a brand was put upon him and he was sent out. Hanging is awful. It is among the very last customs of barbarism that we follow. Why not have let Willie Carter live? Put him in prison for the balance of his life. Then he would have produced something and would have been a factor in the sum total of the assets of the country's wealth; a tooth for a tooth, etc., is all right when circumstances are equivalent to trading teeth, but we boast of the most enlightened age in the world's history. Let us do away with capital punishment. Let us break away from the foolishness of the past. "Bud," in all probability, will be hung in Barnwell county's jail—a positive loss for all time. What good will it do, pray? Of course these are only some of the many reasons that could be given by

MR. BROWNLOW.

Little Lad Killed.

Denmark, June 7.—Little Edward Fogle, age 7, son of Mrs. Joanna Fogle, met his death in a most peculiar manner to-day by an accident which happened to him Saturday.

The laborers were hauling in oats from the field and had stopped the wagon in front of the dwelling to get a drink of water. The little boy climbed into the wagon, but by a sudden start of the mules, lost his balance, fell out of the wagon and the wheels rolled over his thigh.

Mrs. Fogle did not think her son was hurt much, as he soon began to play with the other children, apparently forgetting his fall. Sunday the little fellow had a hemorrhage and upon being examined by the family physician it was discovered that a blood vessel had been ruptured and that it would be impossible to save his life. The lad died this morning after suffering intensely for many hours.

LETTER FROM GOVAN.

Our Correspondent Writes on Many Subjects.

Govan, June 7.—The busy world rolls on, though some of the bravest, and noble are cut down, and enter into the "mysterious realm," there to join the "innumerable caravan," from whence none ever returns more. "But time rolls on"—this must be—but with this commercial activity we are reminded that there are hearts ever sorely depressed, heavy laden and grievous for some departed loved one; for who knows whose heart is not withered and dispirited; but by the guiding star of hope their bark glides onward, abreast the rugged sea of life, to what end we perceive not! Amidst the great numbers that die every day, we should feel a keen realization that there are just greater numbers of sorrowing ones, but beneath this great veil of tears we have the consolation that there is an unfulfilling hand over which kingdom the "scepter" is swayed, and at whose command the "earth and sea shall give up their dead" and thereby make whole again the fetters torn by grief and disappointment.

Oh! such expectancy and joy fondly cherished and irrepressible. "Tidings!" We hear the telegraph busy transmitting electric impulses—intelligible to some—breaking the news on lightning's wings—messages—they go, they come.

Just the other day came the news of the murder of John Z. Grimes in the city of Birmingham, Ala., a citizen once of this community; shot by two white high-waymen with intent to rob. Their purpose accomplished they made their escape into the woods from the electric car, his body being found riddled and divested of his coat and purse containing \$40. Such a horrible crime! The car must have been vacated as the paper states that the incoming train made the discovery first. The wretchedness of the crime is that John did not have time to array himself in any manner for protection, but had to meet his fate quickly. Ghastly, ignominious crime, how deplorable!

Again, while we shudder, the news comes of another awful homicide at Denmark. Mr. Jake Nix was killed by a negro out on his plantation, about two miles from Denmark.

A posse of about 75 men pursued the negro near Barnwell, losing his trail within about two miles of the town. Had the dogs arrived sooner there would hardly be any doubt that he would have been easily caught. Apparently the negro was making his way to Barnwell. A diligent search was made for him in Barnwell, but to no avail.

It is true that the majority of negroes will help to screen one of their race from punishment, and doubtless it is because of the deep seated prejudice for the white man, and I can't see why there should be such discordance between the negro and the white man.

It is significant but true. I know of an instance of this character. An old negro, one of the best slavery-time type, was over-sympathetic with one of his race in a wrong act performed by the latter. 'Tis strange but true!

Well, maybe this discordance will be eliminated at the expiration of a thousand years, or perhaps half that length of time and how—you would ask, by amalgamation? Well, I hope not, but rather a continuance of the inconsistency, but some of those "monster" Yankees would advocate that for us as a solution. In reality there is said to be a "society" in New York city purposely organized to propagate and nourish such a "plan," and that there are said to be 480 members of that society up to last report (authority can be produced.) These members, you understand, have wives or husbands from the opposite race. Therefore don't suppose they have any race friction, but all in harmony.

The distinguished Prof. Elliot, of Harvard University, says since his visits to the Southland that he does not advocate inter-marriage for the two races, but says that race problems have heretofore always been settled by inter-marriage. I wonder really if he advocated that solution for the whites and blacks at one time? Surely he is getting mighty old to just come to a conclusion in this matter.

In the distance I hear much harmony. The warbler (mocking bird) singing perhaps carols of lonesome love to give cheer perhaps while his mate keeps silent watch over her promising young. Strange through all midnight it sings persistently. Optimistic perhaps, and they just sing to keep the less hopeful animals in cheer, while the nightfall is so "dark and dreary."

Again we have a report that some hell fire doctrine is being given. I expect it will take something worse than a horror of eternal punishment in the "flames" to get some devout sinners to reform. But now let us get a little bit of doctrine from one who is capable of speaking with authority, and I mean by authority, a witness-knowing-one, who studies the scriptures fervently and applies it judiciously.

The hell fire doctrine that was preached through ignorance of the scriptures has become a back number. Christian theology does not teach any such heathenish doctrine now at this enlightened age of the world. Jesus told his disciples that when he was lifted up from the earth he would draw all men unto him. Christ was so well acquainted with the human heart that he planned to draw and not to drive men into the kingdom. "Perfect love casteth out fear."

The Bible teaches that the wicked

THE THIRD COUNT

Standing of Contestants in The Herald's Great Popularity Contest.

The highest number of votes allowed to appear for publication will be 50,000 each week to each contestant. Those contestants who turn in over this quantity will be given credit for same and publication made on the week previous to the last week of the contest.

Miss Bessie Armstrong, Bamberg,	73,500
Miss Pearle Delk, Bamberg,	69,000
Miss Evelyn Brabham, Olar,	68,000
Miss Ida Lou Hiers, Ehrhardt,	65,500
Miss Estelle Lancaster, Govan,	54,500
Miss Mary Matheny, Bamberg,	43,500
Miss Louise Felder, Bamberg,	37,500
Miss Leda Ritter, Olar,	37,500
Miss Camille Price, Bamberg,	36,000
Miss Katie Carter, Ehrhardt,	13,500
Miss Lucile Lightsey, Bamberg,	11,500
Miss Bettie Steedley, Bamberg,	4,500
Miss Zelma Herndon, Ehrhardt,	4,500
Miss Reba Williams, Olar,	4,000
Miss Mary Wright, Denmark,	3,500
Miss Georgie Emma Jordan, Bamberg,	2,500
Miss Nell Clayton, Colston,	2,000
Miss Alice Smoak, Bamberg,	1,000
Miss Estelle Smoak, Bamberg,	1,000

Remember all votes over 50,000 turned in each week will not be shown until the week before the last week of the contest.

shall be cast into hell and all the nations that forget God," but we are left to surmise what that hell shall be. Scholars tell us that the word "hell" is translated from the word "hades," which means the grave, and then there are figurative expressions such as "the worm that dieth not and the fire that is not quenched," which was a figure taken from the pits outside of walled cities where this fire was kept up at all times for cremating dead animals hauled out of cities. Some that the fire didn't reach were eaten up by worms. The place for the burning of these animals was a permanent thing, but the destruction of any one animal was of short duration. I have read my Bible carefully and I have not come upon a passage that if rightly interpreted would convey to my mind the idea that a God's creation would remain in conscious suffering forever, and such construction of Scripture and doctrine is a gross misrepresentation of our kind, loving Heavenly Father.

What would your man who preached such doctrine do with such passages of Scripture as "The soul that sinneth it shall die." The wicked shall be "destroyed." What does the words die and destroy mean? Eternal banishment from the presence of God explains "eternal punishment." On the other hand inherit eternal life and being born into the kingdom conveys the thought that the opposite is no life.

I say what are you going to do with such inconsistencies as the above? We can only take the Scriptures and reason and fathom as far as good judgment will dictate. We are sentiment beings, endowed with a degree of intelligence by which we have the power of understanding a great many things with clearness, and if we didn't have the reasoning faculty I would say "God pity us." One man said the other day that he believed everything in the Bible in toto. Well, this man really don't believe anything much, because such "faith" would be an impossibility.

Mr. Editor, your paper contained last week a beautiful tribute of respect to the memory of the aged lady whose death was caused by a run away the day of the memorial at Rivers' Bridge. The writer signed the letter "C."

W. A. HAY, JR.

Mr. Ellerbe Undergoes Operation.

Washington, June 7.—Representative Ellerbe, who broke his leg last Friday night by a fall in the lobby of the Metropolitan hotel, underwent a severe operation to-day. By a minute examination with the X-ray it was found that the fracture was considerably complicated. The large bone (tibia) of the shin was broken with great unevenness and numerous pieces of shattered bone. These could not be got into place by an ordinary setting. The surgeon had to saw off the shattered ends, so as to fit them evenly together. He stood the operation well and is doing nicely, though suffering from the severe effects of the ether. It is believed that while he will be confined to his bed for several weeks, the fracture will readily heal and there will be no serious or permanent injury.

It is learned to-day that he was sitting in a chair when arising suddenly with his legs crossed, his right foot slipped on the smooth tiled floor and too much weight was thrown upon his right leg at an angle. He fell to the floor and attempted to rise, but found he could not, till friends lifted him up to find that his leg was broken. He experienced no pain at first and could not believe that his leg was really broken.

KILLED IN AUGUSTA.

J. K. Sandifer, of Bamberg, Meets Death in Factory.

Mr. J. K. Sandifer was caught in the belt of a fly wheel in the Augusta factory about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and instantly killed by being thrown against a brick wall. Sandifer has been in Augusta a very short time. He came here from Bamberg, S. C., and secured a position in the weave room, stating that he wanted to learn the business and work himself up to a high position. He was 25 years old.

Mr. Sandifer was killed in the wheel room, adjoining the weave room. There were no witnesses to the accident. The young man left his work for some unknown reason and was seen to go into the wheel room. The next heard of him was when following a noise in the room several operatives looked in and saw him lying on the floor.

There is a railing on each side of the wheel and the officials of the factory say that they cannot understand how he got to the wheel. He must have either stepped on the railing and his foot caught, or passed very close and allowed his clothes to be caught in the belt.

Sandifer was caught between the belt and the wheel, and thrown against the brick wall of the room, fifteen feet away. His left leg was broken just above the ankle, his right thigh was broken in several places, and his left arm broken. His ribs on the left side were broken, and his head crushed. His eye and cheek bone were driven into his face, and his jawbone was knocked out of place.

Sandifer's parents it is understood are dead. He has no relatives in Augusta. He has several sisters in Bamberg, where the body will be shipped after the inquest. The inquest will be held at W. I. Wilson's undertaking parlors.—Augusta Herald.

Mrs. Lalla O'Neal Dead.

Yes, she is gone beneath the soil, her lovely face never to be seen again in this world. By whatever name she was called: Lalla, Miss Lalla, Cousin Lalla, Sister Lalla, Aunt Lalla, there was always a ready response, a word of comfort, a word of cheer that never failed to reach the heart of the disconsolate sufferer.

Lalla O'Neal was born and raised near the place that she met her death. She was seventy-three years old, and in the very best of health—a woman of great Christian fortitude, with an unusually bright mind and always ready to meet and discharge every duty of life. True, her life was a hard one, having lost two husbands—one of them killed in battle, and an only son and daughter, both having preceded her to the grave. She was left alone with no immediate family except one sister and brother, who yet survive her. In the face of all these bereavements she met life in all of its vicissitudes bravely, not, however, at times without showing signs of despondency and grief.

For some days before she left her home in Bamberg she had been preparing for her trip to the Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association, in anticipation of the pleasure of meeting many of her old friends and acquaintances.

On the morning of the fatal day she was met at the town of Olar by her grand daughter, Lalla Rush, a girl yet in her teens. As soon as convenient they left Olar for the memorial. Before reaching the grounds the horse took fright at the dashing by of a pair of horses and running off but a few yards, threw the ladies out, demolishing the buggy, and thus ending the life of a lovely and most noble woman. A death most painful, heartrending, and distressing—one that appeals, not only to the strong arm of the law, but to humanity, Christianity, morality, and civilization, and one that should admonish the friends of the Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association to adhere strictly to the solemnities of the memorial occasion, admitting no one hereafter except ladies and the officers of the Association, with such committees as the ladies may wish to assist them in the discharge of their respective duties.

To know Lalla O'Neal was to love her.

C. C.

Baseball at Hartzog.

In a very exciting game of ball Saturday afternoon Hartzog won from Clear Pond by a score of 5 to 0, playing only six innings. The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of Hartzog. Steady in great form, striking out 8, yielding only one hit. With the following boys we have a very good team: Steedly, 2b; Steedly, c; Patrick, 1b; Rhoad, 2b; Rayson, 3b; Herndon, ss; Walker, E., Carroll D., McMillan H., Felders.

A PLAYER.

Negroes Threaten to Lynch.

Aiken, June 8.—Edgar Miles, colored, has been lodged in jail, charged with criminally assaulting a little 9-year-old negro girl, said to be a near relative of his wife. The crime was alleged to have been committed last Wednesday, in Giddy swamp township, but was not reported to the officers because, so it is said, Miles threatened the mother of the girl. Finally, she says, she slipped away and told it and immediately there arose a feeling of indignation among the negroes and word was sent to the sheriff to hurry to the scene to save the negro's life. The sheriff hurried to the section just in time to save the negro from summary justice at the hands of his own color. He is now in jail.

Farmers' Union Meeting.

The Farmers' Union of Bamberg county will meet in Bamberg on Monday, June 21st, at eleven o'clock a. m. A full attendance is requested.

J. E. McMillan, Secretary and Treasurer.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Another cotton mill is to be built at Greers with Greenville capital largely. It is to cost two hundred thousand dollars and will be up-to-date in every particular.

The Dorchester Eagle says the oil mill at St. George, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago, will be rebuilt, the contract for the erection of the buildings having been let to Mr. S. A. Blackmon, of Orangeburg.

Mr. Eugene W. Houser, a young man of Orangeburg, was killed in a street car accident in Savannah last week. Mr. Houser was conductor on a trolley car, and was on the rear platform adjusting the trolley when a car crashed into his car from behind. He was so badly crushed that he died in a few minutes. The accident happened in a subway after dark, and was said to be unavoidable for this reason. Mr. Houser was a member of a prominent family in Orangeburg, and was a most exemplary young man.

RINGS AND PIANO PURCHASED.

Herald's Contest Prizes Purchased and Ready for the Lucky Girls.

As stated last week, The Herald's capital prize, the Kingsbury piano, is now on exhibition at The Herald Book Store and the diamonds have been bought from the jewelry firm of James Allen & Co., of Charleston, S. C., the reputation and reliability of this old, established firm guaranteeing a beautiful stone to the fortunate young ladies who win them. There still remains five weeks in which to secure the prizes, in fact, enough time for any one to start now, and by faithful work, share in the prizes.

On another page of this issue will be found our offer of extra votes for the ensuing week, together with our aim to increase our circulation by at least one thousand between now and July 15th. It can be done, but we admit we can't do it alone, but we are egotistical enough to believe that we have friends enough to make the accomplishment certain. If we haven't got the friends, then the simple merits of The Bamberg Herald as a newspaper will do the work.

The race between the girls is waxing warmer and warmer and will resolve itself into a contest whose final outcome will be hard to predict.

HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Close of the Excellent Graded School at Denmark.

Denmark, June 8.—On Monday evening a large crowd filled the commodious auditorium of the new Denmark high school building to hear the able address delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Daniel of Columbia. His speech was on education and was highly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of hearing him.

Tuesday evening was devoted to the exercises of the graded school department, consisting of drills, declamations and piano solos.

Wednesday evening was given solely to the graduating class, the enrollment of which was: Misses Sadelle Guess, Ruby Guess, Marion Riley; Messrs. Emmet Gilliam, William Mayfield and Miss Mary Lee Hightower.

The exercises were opened by a greeting given by the president of the class, Miss Sadelle Guess, who afterwards introduced each speaker in turn during the evening. The greeting was followed by a debate on the query, "Resolved, That the mind gains more knowledge from reading than from observation."

Affirmative, Miss Mary Lee Hightower, William Mayfield; negative, Miss Marion Riley and Emmet Gilliam.

The argument on both sides showed that the writers had a thorough knowledge of the question. The decision was in favor of the negative, reported by the chairman of the judges, Mr. C. W. Garrison.

The next thing on the program was the class prophecy by Ruby Guess. As always, the audience was much interested as the "future" of each member of the class was revealed.

Last was the valedictory by Miss Sadelle Guess. This farewell to her class was worded in the most expressive as well as beautiful terms.

Then followed the delivering of the diplomas by Mr. H. A. C. Walker, the superintendent of the high school. Before delivering the diplomas, Mr. Walker made a most impressive talk to the graduating class which was full of truths and good advice.

Before dismissing the audience, Mr. Walker made a little speech to the patrons in regard to the school work, which was enjoyed by all who heard him. This ended his first year's work in Denmark and a most successful one it has proved in every respect. The people of this town congratulate themselves upon having Mr. Walker back for another year.

Between the numbers of the program, music was rendered by Misses Sadelle and Ruby Guess, of the graduating class, assisted by some of the pupils of the lower classes.